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Zion Hill Baptist Church

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OFFICERS

M. P. L. Love, Moderator	- - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. L. Johnson, Clerk	- - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. S. Allen, Treasurer	- - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.

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G. P. Harris	Hattiesburg, Miss.
A. R. Loftin	Lucedale, Miss.
J. E. Barnett	Wiggins, Miss.
J. A. Johnston	Bond, Miss.
R. G. Joiner	Eastabuchie, Miss.
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W. E. Fail	Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. M. Simmons	Perkinston, Miss.
R. N. Davis	Hattiesburg, Miss.
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T. S. Entrekin	Purvis, Miss.
James Lee	Purvis, Miss.
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R. C. Murray	Sumrall, Miss.
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R. M. Hardin	Greens Creek, Miss.
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D. A. Hogan	Hattiesburg, Miss.
T. J. Smith	Purvis, Miss.
W. S. Allen	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. B. Holcomb	Purvis, Miss.
W. M. Jones	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. F. Yarborough	Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. N. Miller	Lumberton, Miss.
J. M. Gibbs	Purvis, Miss.
A. C. Parker	Clinton, Miss.
A. Scruggs	Hattiesburg, Miss.

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Lebanon Baptist Association.

Article 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among churches.

Article 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only delegates shall have the right to vote.

Article 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its members shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

Article 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights of independence of the churches.

Article 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrines.

Article 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.

Article 9. The duties of the various officers at the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of decision of order.

Article 10. The Churches holding the Article of Faith adopted by this body may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Article 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

6. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

7. All members shall use the term "Brother" when addressing or speaking to each other; and one failing to observe this rule shall subject himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

8. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 o'clock, Moderator M. P. L. Love called to order the twenty-seventh session of the Lebanon Association. The devotional exercises were led by J. N. Miller, who read the 12th chapter of Romans and commented upon it, closing with prayer by J. L. Low.

Upon roll call the following churches and delegates responded:

Big Level—Letter.
 Baxterville—A. O. Courtney.
 Bond—J. R. Davis.
 Brooklyn—J. C. Martin.
 Eastabutchie—Letter.
 Greens Creek—J. W. Camp, Thomas Camp.
 Helena—W. A. Robinson.
 Hattiesburg, First—E. G. Hightower, J. E. Arledge, A. Polk, B. H. Schwartz, A. Scruggs, H. L. McCleskey, Mrs. J. W. Champlin, Mrs. E. N. Pack, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Mrs. T. J. Walker, Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Mrs. A. Polk, T. J. Walker.
 Hattiesburg, Main Street—Nathan Wright, Otho Eure, M. P. L. Love, Rev. J. N. McMillin, Mrs. Fred Heidelberg, Mrs. R. F. Barton, Mrs. G. M. McWilliams, Mrs. R. N. Steadman, Mrs. T. B. Wright, Mrs. J. N. McMillin, Mrs. S. B. Martin, Miss Winnie Bennett.
 Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue—Mrs. W. R. Evans, Mrs. Hubbard.
 Hattiesburg, Immanuel—Rev. W. S. Allen, J. L. Johnson, W. B. Dickerson, J. A. Powell, W. R. Eure, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Miss Emma Arledge, Miss Amanda Arledge, Mrs. R. D. Batson, Mrs. J. C. Jones, J. C. Jones, Mrs. W. B. Dickerson.
 Hickory Grove—J. O. Rhodes, T. C. Hobby, W. N. Richardson, Mrs. W. N. Richardson.
 Lucedale—W. H. Stinson, A. R. Loftin, Mrs. A. R. Loftin.
 Lumberton—Rev. J. N. Miller, R. J. Watts, J. F. Kinard.
 McLaurin—J. W. Estes, Mrs. J. W. Estes, R. H. Cowart.
 Macedonia—H. M. Myrick, A. J. Merritt.
 Pierce's Creek—W. I. Martin, Wm. Hogan, Jesse Bruce, Miss Clara Bruce, Miss Jewel Hill, Oran Hill.
 Purvis—T. C. King, Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson, Rev. J. M. Gibbs, D. M. Eubanks, Rev. J. S. Lee, J. H. Purvis, Rev. W. B. Holcomb, Mrs. W. B. Holcomb, A. Q. Broadus.
 Perkinson—Rev. R. N. Davis.
 Red Creek Union—Letter.
 Richburg—W. Wells, R. B. Barnes.
 Red Hill—C. F. Lingle, J. F. Durden.
 Sumrall—Rev. W. J. Derrick, W. L. Tennant, Mrs. J. V. Tennant, Mrs. B. M. Myers, Mrs. M. J. Derrick, Mrs. Rouse.
 Wiggins—J. F. Cook, L. A. Varnado, E. R. Jenkins.
 Zion Hill—W. W. Davis, H. O. Gay.

New Churches

Calvary—W. W. Dale, W. E. Smith.
 Good Hope—A. L. Saucier, E. W. Cleveland.
 Oral—J. N. Clinton, J. B. Graham, Mrs. J. N. Clinton.

On motion, all delegates who answered to their names and any other accredited delegates arriving later, were declared the official delegates of the Association.

The Association then elected officers as follows: M. P. L. Love, Moderator; J. L. Johnson, Clerk; W. S. Allen, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were received from three churches and upon motion they were duly and gladly received into the full fellowship of the Association. During the singing of a hymn the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

Remarks about the new churches were made by W. B. Holcomb, W. W. Dale, M. J. Derrick and A. L. Saucier.

The churches received were the Oral Church, Calvary Church and Good Hope Church, all of Lamar county.

A. L. O'Briant, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, made the following report, which was adopted:
Order of Business Committee Report—

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—A. L. O'Briant, W. R. Loftin, J. E. Arledge.

Sunday Schools—M. J. Derrick, J. O. Rhodes, J. R. Davis.

B. Y. P. U.—A. R. Loftin, A. J. Merritt, B. H. Schwartz.

Publications—W. S. Allen, W. H. Stinson, W. N. Richardson.

Hospitals—T. C. King, D. O. Herrod, R. N. Davis.

Orphanage—W. B. Holcomb, J. W. Camp, A. L. Saucier.

Christian Education—E. G. Hightower, J. C. Jones, H. M. Myrick.

Nominations—J. M. Gibbs, Otho Eure, W. W. Dale.

Home Missions—W. F. Yarborough, W. M. Wright, R. B. Barnes.

Foreign Missions—J. N. McMillin, A. Polk, J. C. Martin.

Aged Ministers' Relief—J. E. Barnett, W. I. Martin, R. H. Cowart.

Woman's Work—Mrs. E. N. Pack.

Progress of 75 Million—W. S. Allen, H. L. McCleskey, Jesse Bruce, Orin Hill.

Survey of Conditions of Churches In Association—A. L. O'Briant, Robt. Watts, T. E. McCardle, A. J. Broadus.

Resolutions of Death of O. D. Bowen—J. L. Johnson, W. L. Pack, W. B. Holcomb, T. C. King.

Resolutions—D. M. Eubanks, E. R. Jenkins, A. Polk.

Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by A. R. Loftin and discussed by A. R. Loftin, J. C. Jones, W. S. Allen, and then adopted.

Report On B. Y. P. U. Work

The B. Y. P. U. holds as its chief aim the training of young Christians in church membership. Baptist churches are democracies. The first essential in a successful democracy is intelligence. The B. Y. P. U. is the chief agency of Baptist churches in building an intelligent church membership.

The success of the 75 Million Campaign demonstrates the value of training such as the B. Y. P. U. gives. The campaign headquarters gives out the statement that where churches had B. Y. P. U.'s operating successfully no trouble was had in reaching their quota. It was a campaign of enlistment in Christian living and Christian giving, and that is the work of the B. Y. P. U. Every phase of the B. Y. P. U. work is that of enlistment—enlistment in service, in Bible reading, in co-operation, in singing, in committee work, and in giving. Practically all of our A-1 unions report an average of more than 90 per cent givers and many of them report 100 per cent.

Of the 6,000 volunteers in answer to the "Calling out the Called" a large per cent were young men and young women who had received B. Y. P. U. training. As a result of a lesson in the B. Y. P. U. quarterly of February 15, 1920, on "Stewardship of Life," more than 500 young people wrote the Sunday School Board for literature and suggestions that would help them train for the ministry or for mission work. These facts show that young people come to decision for Christian Service in the B. Y. P. U. as a result of the lessons in the quarterly, the Daily Bible Readings with their devotional appeal and the joy of service which they experience in doing church work at home.

The B. Y. P. U. work is increasing in popularity as it is being studied and understood. The circulation of the B. Y. P. U. quarterly has reached 200,000, the number of B. Y. P. U.'s in the South is 7,-

000, or an average of one B. Y. P. U. to every three churches. Mississippi is not behind the other states. Last year at the State Convention an increase of 100 per cent in the number of unions was reported. The goal for this year is an additional increase of 100 per cent. If we reach our goal, we will have more than 500 unions in the State.

Our plan for extension work is on the county basis. Live B. Y. P. U.'s are going out and helping in the organization of unions wherever there is an opportunity. After several unions have been organized in a county, a county convention is organized. The county is divided into groups with a group captain over each group of churches, with the task of putting one or more B. Y. P. U.'s in every church in his group. These county conventions head up in the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, which meets annually. Several counties have organized this summer and our State secretary plans to organize every county in the State in this manner. Let us, as a Association, as churches, and as individual members of these churches, realize the need of training our young members and let us back up the program outlined by our Board and B. Y. P. U. secretary.

Any information relative to the Junior B. Y. P. U. work, the Senior B. Y. P. U. work, or the county organization can be had from our State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss. Free literature on how to organize will be sent upon request.

Respectfully submitted,....

A. R. LOFTIN,

A. J. MERRITT,

B. A. SCHWARTZ.

Report on Sunday School was made by M. J. Derrick and after being discussed by M. J. Derrick, W. L. Gay, J. N. McMillin, J. O. Rhodes, W. N. Richardson, M. P. L. Love, was adopted.

Sunday School Report For Lebanon Association

The Sunday School has for a long time been recognized as one of the best means for leading children to Christ for salvation, and to a knowledge of the scriptures, also in training for Christian service.

The progress that has been made in literature and equipment for this work is phenomenal. The church that builds a new house now without regard for the Sunday School's needs is a back number. We are seeking more and more not only to have spiritual teachers, but also mentally trained teachers for our children.

The means for bettering Sunday School conditions are abundant. Our Convention Board, together with our Sunday School Board, are offering every inducement possible to raise the standard of efficiency in our Sunday School work. The County Sunday School Normal course, a like course in our two assemblies, together with the Teacher Training Course in our churches, is a very advanced step in Sunday School efficiency.

Your committee would urge every church to encourage training of their Sunday School officers and teachers. Every one who has the responsibility of teaching religious matters, owes it to those whom he teaches to prepare for it.

Suggestions:

1. Let the officers and teachers attend the South Mississippi Assembly.
2. Let every county have a Sunday School Normal, then every officer and teacher attend.
3. Let every church have one or more training classes.

M. J. DERRICK.

The time having come for the Association sermon, W. S. Allen read the 4th chapter of Hebrews, and J. N. McMillin preached from the 16th verse of the same chapter. The preacher was full of the

Holy Spirit and the sermon was one of much edification to all.

Under the head of Reception of Visitors, Rev. E. C. Carmichael was recognized from the Baptist Bible Institute; Mrs. A. J. Owen was received from the State W. M. U.

Rev. J. N. Miller was recognized as the new pastor at Lumberton. The Association adjourned to meet at 9:15 Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 9:15 Archibald Scruggs led in prayer and T. C. King conducted devotional exercises, reading John 14.

The Moderator recognized J. E. Byrd, representing the State Missionary Board, and L. E. Lightsey, State Colporter.

W. B. Holcomb read the report on the Orphanage, which was discussed by W. B. Holcomb, A. Polk, W. W. Dale and M. P. L. Love.

A cash offering of \$42.10 was made and the report adopted.

Report on the Baptist Orphanage

For twenty years or more the Baptists of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless orphan children, believing this to be a Christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home-makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the Orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the \$75,000,000 movement, that the people of our churches and Sunday Schools in this Association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in in abundance.

I am informed by the Superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than they have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year, they have just passed through an epidemic of smallpox, but by intelligent care and good management, only about sixteen out of one hundred and sixty children had the smallpox, they are all well and sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let each church in this Association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

W. B. HOLCOMB.

The report on Hospitals was made by T. C. King, discussed by T. C. King, W. S. Allen, M. J. Derrick and adopted.

Report of Mississippi Baptist Hospital

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is filling a long-felt want among our people. Through it we are carrying on a part of the work of our Saviour. He "went about . . . teaching . . . preaching . . . healing." He healed by a word or by a touch. We heal through the skill of a physician and the tender ministrations of a nurse. There are no better physicians and surgeons than we have at Jack-

son. They are skilled and painstaking in their work. The unanimous verdict is that they can't be surpassed in the South.

There are about 20 young ladies in training as student nurses. They are of the highest type of young ladies. After three years of work and study in the hospital they go out as graduate nurses to bless suffering humanity.

Attention is given to the religious side of life both among the patients and employees. The superintendent moves freely through the hospital and where he feels it well he has prayer with the sick and always speaks a word of cheer and encouragement to the patients. He gives one evening a week to Bible study and prayer with the employees. The hospital is a religious institution as well as a place where the sick can be treated and nursed back to health.

This year has been a good year every way. From January to August, 609 patients had come and gone from the hospital. Of this number 75 were charity. Only six of this large number died. The income from the patients during this time was a little rise of \$21,000. This about met all the expenses, including a little more than \$2,000 devoted to charity. The charity patients get the same treatment as the pay patients except that they occupy the wards.

The hospital authorities have bought the Sweb Taylor residence on the corner of the same lot on which the hospital stands for a nurses' home. It cost \$13,500 and the adjacent lot \$1,500, making in all \$15,000. It furnishes a nice home for the nurses, and is a good real estate investment. An addition is also being made to the hospital which will double its capacity. If we will all meet our obligations, this addition will be taken care of through the 75 Million Fund. We have an annual income of \$24,733.33 provided for in this fund.

This addition calls for new furniture and new equipment. We not only need an enlargement on the equipment we already have, but we need some equipment we have not had heretofore. We need an X Ray outfit. One of our generous brethren has promised to give this machine when the addition is completed. This will add greatly to the work of the hospital.

Brother M. K. Thornton, who was pastor at Starkville so long, has been elected superintendent and is getting the work well in hand. He gave up the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, one of the largest and best churches in the State, to take charge of this work. We feel sure he will make good as a superintendent of the hospital as he did as pastor. He was one of the best in the State.

In view of the firm place the hospital has in the hearts and lives of our people, we would recommend:

1. That we all meet our obligations to the 75 Million Fund so that our hospital may have its needed buildings and equipment and may continue to enlarge its usefulness.
2. That we patronize our own hospital when we have to send our loved ones off for treatment.
3. That we remember to pray for the hospital and its employees that they may all have grace to meet their high responsibilities.

Report On Hospitals

A year ago our Baptist Memorial Hospital rejoiced in the prospect of some \$300,000 from the 75 Million Campaign from Tennessee. Today it has in cash and pledges over \$1,300,000. This was brought about by our good friend, Mr. A. E. Jennings, asking the Executive Board of the Tennessee Convention to make the gift from the Campaign a half million on condition that he would stand for the same amount. This was agreed to. Owing to the gift of Mr. Will Dockery to build the nurses' home as a memorial to his wife, and Mr. Jennings' liberal gift, \$650,000 came in connection with the campaign; and Mem-

phus, in four days in March, made their gift \$712,000.

Better than that, the hospital, during the last twelve months, has been organized and regulated in accordance with the standards in effect in the best hospitals of the land. Physicians and surgeons are required to furnish accurate diagnosis and full reports of all cases; the standard of nursing is carefully maintained; the building and equipment are carefully looked after; visiting is regulated, in order to minister to the welfare and not the hurt of the patients. "All for the patient" is the motto of the hospital. This has caused some criticism and complaint. The hospital looks out for the patient first, and is then glad to please and accommodate everybody else. The fact stands that our hospital is at the top in service and is going higher. Doctors recognize this and our rooms are constantly full and there is generally a waiting list.

The Training School for Nurses will be delightfully housed in the New Dockery Home. Nothing less than the best training will satisfy the management. There will be room for 175 pupils in the school and they will be needed when the full 450 beds of the completed hospital are in service. This ought to be accomplished in the next few months. We hope this association will furnish a number of young women who will be glad to enter this noble and much-needed service. Those interested should write Miss Archer, superintendent of nurses.

Last year was the largest in service in the history of the institution. 7858 patients were admitted, 1248 of whom were treated free of charge. The business amounted to \$287,050.57; of this \$36,688.84 was for charity. By states 2183 were from Mississippi, 3882 from Tennessee, 751 from Arkansas, and 1043 from other states.

The "Linen Band" which has been providing linens and other comforts for the charity wards since the opening of the hospital, deserves the active help and co-operation of all our women, and especially the societies and bands.

Wonderful progress has been made during the last year in remedying defects and building up the hospital on the truest principles. All Baptists may well rejoice that it is our hospital, ministering in the name of our Christ to people of all names and sorts.

P. C. KING.

The Report on Foreign Missions was advanced to this time and read by J. N. McMillin. The report on State Missions was read by J. L. Johnson. The report on Home Missions was read by J. M. Gibbs. After the State Mission report had been amended the reports were discussed by J. N. Gibbs, W. B. Holcomb, A. Polk, W. S. Allen, J. L. Johnson, J. E. Byrd and adopted.

Foreign Mission Report

In the program of Jesus, missions holds the chief place. In fact, all else is determined by its relation to the fundamental idea of seeking and saving the lost. The truth is that in Christ's program for Christianity missions in its various phases and forms is the program of Christianity.

This truth is seen in the mission of Jesus. His was a seeking mission. It was a serving mission. It was a teaching mission. It was a saving mission.

This truth finds the fullest sort of expression in the life of Christ. He said: "I come forth and am come into the world, neither come I of myself, but He sent me." He said again: "The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

Now whatever finds its full expression in Christ's life is to find expression also in the life of His people, and in the life and work of

His churches. We are prepared, therefore, for the full expression of His purpose for His people in His commission to them, and this commission certainly contemplates the whole world of mankind, and every generation of it, as the objects of gospel enterprise and gospel preaching. His "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations

And lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world," is the authority for all the mission work which has been and which will be till He comes again. And loyalty to that authority, respect for that command—attempt to carry it into effect—is the sole condition for claiming His perpetual presence.

The winning of the world is a mighty task, but it is a blessed task. Indeed, when conscious of His power and presence, not a task, but a gracious privilege and a heartening service.

The world's need is better understood by the Lord's people today than ever before. All other things which have been tried have failed. The gospel, insofar as it has been faithfully tried, has succeeded. There are many achievements which brighten the pages of the past history of missions, but, no doubt, the greatest achievements are in the future.

The war opened up to close range study many of the neediest sections of the world. To meet the exigencies of war, our people poured out their treasure in abundance, both in human life and in money. To meet the exigencies of present-day missions throughout the world will require as heroic giving of both. We must somehow have our young men and young women offer themselves to the Lord for definite and devoted work, both at home and abroad, for the bringing in of His Kingdom. Money in larger and yet larger amounts must be forthcoming for the stupendous work of missions.

We need to increase largely our forces and equipment on every mission field which we have entered. In many fields our working forces are pitifully inadequate. Besides, there are scores and scores of mission fields which beckon to us, and it is literally true that the "fields are white unto harvest. But the laborers are few." And our churches need to heed, as never before, the injunction of the Master when He said: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."

Nor should our churches feel that because the big program of millions for the Master was so successful, that all is over; but that rather are we under increased obligation to study, and preach, and give, and send, and go, that His Kingdom may come.

The Lord is blessing His people today at home and abroad in proportion to their faithfulness in carrying out His orders for world conquest. He is protecting every mission field of the world. The progress of the work of Southern Baptists in foreign fields has been great. With multiplied forces, and better facilities, we confidently expect yet ever increasing results. And while we increase the forces in both workers and money, let us not forget to increase our power and the power of all our workers by an increase in prayer without which our efforts will largely go for naught.

J. N. McMILLIN, Chairman.

Report of State Missions

Our State Mission work by order of the Convention is divided into the following departments: (1) Church Extension, embracing pastors' support and church building; (2) Enlistment and Associational Mission work; (3) Sunday School work; (4) B. Y. P. U. work; (5) Publications; (6) Preachers' Schools; (7) Educational Mission work; (8) Social Service. In addition to this, there is assigned to the Convention Board and our State Mission forces the task of putting on all denominational programs launched by the Convention, keeping the 75 Million Campaign prominently before our churches and receiving, dis-

tributing and accounting for all the funds given o the 75 Million Cam-
paign.

Our work this year is laid out o na basis of \$150,000 and the work
being done by departments is as follows:

1. Church Extension—We are assisting 120 churches to pay their
pastors, appropriating for this work \$28,000. This is a considerable
increase over anything we have ever done before. Under this depart-
ment we are also helping to build 37 houses of worship and have ap-
propriated \$31,170 for this work. Twelve of these churches which we
are helping to build were blown away by the cyclone last spring.

2. Enlistment and Associational Mission Work: We have in the
field six general enlistment missionaries, one in each of the six dis-
tricts, and eighteen associational missionaries. It is difficult, if not
impossible, to estimate the value of these men. Their task is the task
assigned by the Master in the Great Commission. They are evange-
lists, teachers, pastors' helpers, church counselors and general deno-
minational servants. In the future the key-work in their work will be
evangelism, which indeed is the very heart of all mission work.

3. Sunday School Work: The work in our Sunday School De-
partment has been very successful this year. Brother J. E. Byrd, Sun-
day School Secretary, is assisted by Rev. S. G. Posey and Miss Min-
nie Brown. These workers have rendered most excellent service. In
addition to the regular appointments and institutes held in local
churches, they have conducted 35 county normals in which 518 dip-
lomas and awards have been given. The key-word in their work, as it
is in all of our work, is evangelism. Wherever they have gone they
have stimulated the evangelistic spirit and in many places have had
numbers of conversions.

4. W. M. U. Work: The Woman's Missionary Union, under the
leadership of Miss M. M. Lackey, corresponding secretary, and Miss
Fannie Traylor, Young People's leader, has had its greatest year of
achievement. Three young women from the Training School have
been teaching the W. M. U. Manual in the County Normals along with
our Sunday School workers, and 143 certificates have been given as a
result of this work. "Evangelism" is the key-note of the Personal Ser-
vice of the W. M. U.

5. B. Y. P. U. Work: Brother Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary
of our B. Y. P. U. work, has been making splendid progress. A large
number of County B. Y. P. U. conventions have been organized and, in
addition to the individual engagements and institutes held in local
churches, Brother Wilds has taught classes at encampments and in
county conventions. There is now a most excellent spirit and promise
of great things in our B. Y. P. U. work.

6. Preacher Schools: Six preacher schools were held last March,
at Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Louisville, New Albany, Water Valley
and Shelby. A most excellent program was carried out at each one
of these schools and while the attendance was not as large as it should
have been, due to weather and road conditions, they accomplished real
and lasting good.

7. Publications: Under the head of publications we have the Bap-
tist Record and our tract department. There will be a special report on
the Record, to which we refer you for detailed information. Our tract
department is a very important part of our work. A special room has
been fitted up in the headquarters building for tracts and a large stock
of denominational tracts dealing with the doctrines, ordinances and
work of our Baptist people. Our headquarters office has distributed
tons of these tracts this year. Any pastor or church or individual can
get them for the asking.

8. Educational Mission Work: The last State Convention in-
structed the Mission Board to put in the field a student secretary to
work among Baptist students in the State institutions of learning.

Rev. Norris Palmer, a graduate of Mississippi College and a young man of splendid endowments, was selected and has accepted the position. It will be his task to organize for Baptist kingdom work our Baptist boys and girls in our State colleges. The Y. M. C. A. has assumed to take charge of them and to train them for inter-church and no-church movements. President world conditions demand that we push this work along Baptist lines and the Lebanon Association protests against turning this vitally important work in our Convention-owned Baptist colleges to the Y. M. C. A. or any other non-Baptist organization.

9. Work Among Negroes and Indians: We are also doing work among the negroes, holding Bible institutes for their preachers and assisting in the payment of a field missionary. In addition to this we help pay the theological professor at Jackson College. We have also a full-fledged Indian missionary working among the Choctaws. This is in addition to the work which is being done by the Home Mission Board. We are working in closest co-operation with this Board.

10. Evangelistic Campaign: We want to call special attention to our evangelistic campaign which is a part of our enlistment and educational mission work. In the campaign this year we have had the most enthusiastic co-operation of the churches and pastors. Out of the 1600 churches in Mississippi we had listed in our office 1200 meetings. When we remember that at least 200 of our town and city churches held their meetings in the fall and winter, it will be seen that we had meetings listed this year from practically every church in the state. Up to September 1st we had received reports from 558 meetings, which showed 7068 additions. Taking this as a guide, the campaign should result in over 12,000 additions to the churches. Never before in our history have we been able to make such a showing as this. The Lord be praised.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our State Mission work be kept before our people; that our pastors preach on it; that tracts be distributed among the members, and the Baptist Record, which is a part of our work and which carries information concerning State Mission work, be put in the homes of the members either on the club plan or on the budget plan.
2. That our churches be requested to consider the advisability of co-operating with one another in the formation of fields so that more efficient pastoral work may be done in the country districts.
3. That wherever possible country churches should consider the advisability of building pastors' homes and locating their pastors among them.
4. That we commend the evangelistic campaign as conducted this year by the State Convention Board and recommend that a similar campaign be carried on each year.
5. We recommend that evangelism be made the key-word in all of our enlistment and denominational work and that whatever we do shall revolve around the larger and primary task of reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.
6. We suggest that our pastors call attention to our work among Baptist students in State institutions, urging upon the Baptist young men and women who attend these institutions to co-operate with our student secretary in every way possible.

J. M. GIBBS.

Report of Home Missions

Never before in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention, covering a period of 75 years, has the Home Mission enterprise held so significant a place in our denominational life as it does today. Always important, the value of Home Missions has been greatly accentuated by the stressful times following the world war.

We face a condition of which it may be said of the entire world,

"The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores." This is especially true of Europe, but our own country with its sociological disturbances, its sharp strife between labor and capital, its spendthrift spirit, its feverish restlessness, its rancorous partisanship in politics and its forgetfulness of God, needs the gospel badly enough. If we take the lowest consideration of self-preservation, the appeal is urgent to give the gospel to our own people, for there is no surer way to safeguard our own future. Love of country or patriotism makes a mighty plea. A U. S. Supreme Court Justice is credited with saying that there is no higher patriotism than giving the gospel to our own people. But the Christian stands on higher ground than any of these. He is a trustee of the gospel of Christ; he is a debtor of grace and for the love and loyalty he has for his Lord he must obey the divine command to give the gospel to the whole world, especially that part of it represented by his own country. Our country, while it is a missionary field, must be a missionary force. Of course, to do this task effectively we must do it in a systematic definite way. The recognized agency for doing this work among Southern Baptists is the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, under the masterful leadership of that great religious statesman, Dr. B. D. Gray, whom Southeast Mississippi gave to the Baptists and the world.

This Board has grappled with the problems involved, so vigorously and sanely, that it has commended itself as one of the mightiest agencies among us for the upbuilding of our Lord's Kingdom. It groups its work in the following departments: (1) Co-Operative Missions, through which the Board helps the various states and which unifies the State and Home Mission work of Southern Baptists. (2) Enlistment, which seeks in co-operation with State Boards to develop and train our unenlisted Baptist forces. (3) Evangelism, which makes the Home Home Board the greatest single evangelizing force in America. Through this department last year total additions to the churches were reported to the number of 17,419. (4) Mountain Schools, through which we are trying to give our mountain districts at least a desire for Christian Education. (5) Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, a work whose obligations we cannot escape if we would. (6) Church Extension, through which by donations and loans we are trying to help churches provide suitable houses of worship. (7) Publicity, by which we are trying to keep our work before our people. (8) Soldiers' and Seamen's Work, by which we are trying to give the gospel to our soldiers and sailors. (9) Cuba and Panama, fields to the South of us which Providence has put in the hands of our Home Board. (10) Hospital Work, as exemplified in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at El Paso and the proposed Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

In these various fields of activity the Board is endeavoring to function in such a way as to commend itself to the loyal support of Southern Baptists. Before the 75 Million Campaign was launched the Home Mission Board reported to the Southern Baptist Convention that it would need upward of 12 million dollars for the next five years. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention set the campaign figures for Home Missions at 12 million dollars. The total receipts for last year were \$1,643,075.57. Home Missions will need every cent of its apportionment from the 75 Million Campaign Fund. Let the Baptists of the Lebanon Association see to it that they pay their subscriptions to this fund.

Let us keep the home fires burning. For literature on Home Missions apply to the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, or W. F. Yarborough, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who has been asked by the Board to act as its representative in the Lebanon Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. YARBOROUGH,

The report on Christian Education was read by Gaines Hightower and after discussion by Gaines Hightower, J. L. Johnson and M. J. Derrick was adopted.

Report On Christian Education

Since the last meeting of the Lebanon Association the subject of Christian Education has been clothed with new meaning and possibilities. Following the tremendous success of the 75 Million Campaign, and the increased consciousness that God is with us, education led missions and other causes, and is increasing its wonderful call upon us. With a large percentage of the 75 Million funds set apart for Christian Education, we are possessed of the optimism and hope that success lends and burdened with the responsibility that achievement heaps upon the humble.

As we study the history of Baptists we note many achievements with great satisfaction; no achievement elicits our pardonable pride more than the wonderful advance in education, and also the growing of the feeling of responsibility in connection therewith.

Forgetting what we have done and forbearing to rest on our oars, we look to the calls and the needs of the present and future. The most noticeable thing today is the lack of room and equipment. The pupils are knocking at the college door, but cannot be admitted. If the Mississippi Woman's College located within our Association borders had room for 1,000 students, all the space would be occupied within.

A fact of this nature produces the profoundest consideration. We worked long and faithful for the attendance at our schools; now must we turn the would-be student away?

Holding the view that we do, that our schools and colleges offer more than other training institutions, in that they place the emphasis on "Christian" education, and do not subtract from other features, can we possibly afford to deny ample training accommodation to any single boy or girl that applies? Should Baptists profess to offer so much additional—the very heart of hearts in education—and then our schools and colleges be forced to suffer the embarrassment and very grief of having to say "no"?

There are many more needs we must pass by here.

Your committee calls special attention to the Southern Baptist Educational Board, Dr. W. C. James, corresponding secretary, located at Birmingham, Ala. This board helps in every way possible to develop Baptist schools and colleges and implant correct ideas of Christian education. Its success depends on the loyalty of Southern Baptists and the manner in which they co-operate towards the great end aimed at.

It is recommended and urged that Baptist parents give careful, thoughtful and prayerful attention to the selection of schools for the training of their children.

It is also suggested that pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and other leaders in church work, observe and carry out education day programs as recommended by the boards, and keep the subject of Christian Education ever warm and alive, and keep in sympathetic touch with young prospects for schools and colleges.

Special attention is called to Mississippi Baptist Colleges: Mississippi College, Clinton; Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; Clarke Memorial College, Newton, which are recommended as worthy of patronage by our people, and deserving of the loyal and enthusiastic support of every Baptist.

GAINES HIGHTOWER.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. E. N. Pack. It was discussed by M. J. Derrick and J. C. Jones and then adopted.

To the Lebanon Association, Greetings:

There is a beautiful story of olden times of the men who did the reaping and the women who followed behind and gathered up the sheaves. This work has often reminded me of the men in God's Kingdom, who go out in their power and strength to harvest great things for the Master—reaping millions for the support of Missions, building hospitals and sending out Missionaries, and then in the shadow of their modesty, as Ruth went out in the shadow of the eventide, we women see so many sheaves the reapers have left behind, sending boxes to our suffering frontier Missionaries, and then in the shadow of little orphan children, sending blankets, quilts and linens to the hospitals, and in many ways multitudes of golden sheaves are garnered for the Master's harvest field. We are bringing you a report of the sheaves we have gathered this year and feel grateful for the privilege of laying them at the Master's feet.

Your Committee on Woman's Work begs to submit the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like unto this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His handmaidens to carry out their part of the work that pertains to the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.

There has never been a year like unto this year in which the women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission Study classes have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 Sunbeams. It is recommended that this fiscal year which ends May 1st, we attempt to have an average of ten members in a Mission Study class in each organization in the State.

Our women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the number of organizations for our young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention of Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam Bands and Girls' Auxiliaries. No society can now attain the Standard of Excellence that has not at least one of the Auxiliaries. Hence it is urged—not for this reason but rather because of the great need of our young people receiving mission information—it is urged that each church foster the Auxiliaries.

The 75 Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Woman's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However, the fulfillment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart. And each organization feels constrained to urge the fulfillment of not only the pledges of the women and children, but of the entire church.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are, First, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then to take up mission work. Second, the preparation of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc., to be sent to a hospital in China. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere help those women in the Lord, who serve under and with them, in carrying out these two projects.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family altars as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

Report of financial standing of the societies in the Lebanon Asso-

ciation, Woman's Work, is as follows:

To Baptist Seventy-Five Million Campaign	\$6,338.47
To Home Uses	2,619.76
Number of Hospital Boxes	2
Number of Frontier Boxes	3
To Literature Fund	4
To Personal Service	2.50
Number of Mission Study Classes	1,769.67
Number Holding Certificates	14
Number of Tithers	30
Subscriptions to "Royal Service"	57
Subscriptions to "Baptist Record"	95
Subscriptions to "Home and Foreign Fields"	22
Amount Contributed This Year	13
Amount Contributed Last Year	9,018.23
Increase	5,493.71
Brief Summary of Superintendent's Work: Societies visited, 10	3,524.52
Societies organized, 4; Rallies held, 2; Letters written, 81; Programs for Association, 20; Total number of societies reported, 16; Regular quarterly reports received from societies, 9; Regular reports made to District Vice-President, 4.	

MRS. E. N. PACK.

On request letter was granted to the Lucedale Church to join the George County Association.

On request letter was granted to the Red Creek Union Church to join the Gulf Coast Association.

Rev. J. D. Bethune of Georgia, was recognized as a visitor.

Resolutions on the life of Rev. O. D. Bowen were read by J. L. Johnson and adopted.

This Association has just learned with the deepest feeling of regret of the death of its first Moderator, Rev. O. D. Bowen, of Gulfport. It seems fitting that when this beloved brother, whose life has been so intimately connected with the history of this body, passes on to the greater life beyond we shall pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to his active and useful life.

Oscar D. Bowen was himself the son of one of the pioneer Baptist preachers of the State, P. P. Bowen, who, from 1844 to 1871, labored among the weak churches of our Gulf Coast. Born in Alabama in 1843 and baptized at the age of 15, he served four years in the Confederate Army, receiving almost fatal wounds whose effects never left him to the end of his life. Feeling in his early youth the call to preach the gospel, he fought this call until God's chastening hand caused his complete surrender. He was ordained in 1872 and entered at once upon the pastorate of nine churches. From this time on Brother Bowen was identified with all the denominational activities looking to the evangelization and the development of Southeast Mississippi and the Gulf Coast. He organized the Chickasaw Association; he was Moderator of the Gulf Coast Association for ten years in succession and would have so continued to his death had he not insisted on the election of another and a younger man. He was active in the organization of the Lebanon Association, being its first Moderator and continuing to serve in this capacity until his work carried him into the bounds of another body. For over twenty-five years he was evangelist and missionary for the State Board in South Mississippi. For six years he was the pastor of eight weak and struggling churches, nearly all of which are now as a city set upon a hill. Along the whole line of the N. O. & N. E. he has established outposts, encouraged the saints and carried the gospel into the most destitute places. He made a study of the peculiar needs and difficulties of this section and put his life into the work with a lasting faith in its possibilities and future. Coming into South Mis-

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Mississippi when it possessed but a sparse population and its vast resources were but little understood, he has seen it dotted with the most prosperous towns and cities of the State and has heard the hum of its industries in almost every hamlet. He was not only a preacher and pastor, he was the apostle of advancement, development, progress, civilization and Christianity in a vast section whose great possibilities were unknown and whose religion was chiefly Catholic.

During a busy and active life, Brother Bowen found the time to prepare many strong and well-written articles for the secular and religious press; he has published the following books: "A History of the Baptists of the Gulf Coast from Its Beginning in 1830"; "The Baptists—What They Believe and Why They Believe It"; "The Holy Spirit and Missions." His history of the Gulf Coast Baptists is perhaps the only one of its kind.

In his preaching, Brother Bowen kept strictly to Bible principles, which is to say that he was an uncompromising Baptist. In the midst of Catholics and propounders of other harmful and un-Biblical propaganda, surrounded by organizations and sects masquerading as Baptists but fighting through ignorance and prejudice every effort of our organized work, he stood always for the doctrines of our faith and yet so much tact and love for his fellowman did he possess that many of his opponents became his faithful followers and friends.

O. D. Bowen was a soldier under two flags. When under the age of military service he put on the Confederate grey and followed the Stars and Bars until its folds were buried in a glorious and gallant grave. In the prime of his life he enlisted under the milk-white flag of the Prince of Peace and to the day of his death he was a loyal and valiant soldier under that flag which has never known defeat and which shall in God's own time float over a world regenerated and washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

Peace to his ashes! A gallant soldier, a loving father, a splendid citizen and patriot, a successful pastor, a faithful and courageous preacher, a man in every sense of the world, he has been called from service here to a high place at the right hand of God.

J. L. JOHNSON.

The Association adjourned with special prayer by W. B. Holcomb.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 2 p. m. and devotional exercises were led by Otho Eure.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by T. J. Walker and after discussion by J. O. Rhodes and J. L. Johnson was adopted.

Report On Ministerial Relief

Your Committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith the support they so richly deserve.

The new Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done

is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our State, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now being paid bi-monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly, and are receiving from \$12 to \$18 per month.

This Board, besides providing a Relief Fund, has established also an Annuity Fund. This Fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit. It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

T. J. WALKER.

At this time J. E. Byrd, special representative of the State Board, made a stirring address to the Association.

The report on Publications was read and adopted.

Report On Publications

Baptists have a right to be proud of their publications. We rejoice at the growing spirit of loyalty on the part of our people to these publications. That they are already exerting a far-reaching influence upon our people no one can question. No Baptist who desires to be intelligent about the great work of the denomination can afford to be without them.

First of all, every Baptist ought to read the Bible. Nothing can ever take the place of the Bible. But next to the Bible ought to come our Baptist Record. We wish to call attention to the Orphanage Gem, the literature of our Sunday School Board in Nashville, the B. Y. P. U. quarterlies, the Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service, and urge upon our people a wise and liberal use of them all. But we must not fail to make larger and larger use of our State paper. It is one of the most effective agencies we have for enlightening and enlisting our people in our great denominational program. "On January 1, 1919, the Baptist Record became the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. For forty years it had fought our battles for us and ministered to the saints under private ownership. Now it is ours. It has paid for itself and paid expenses and now has a larger circulation than ever in its history." Its usefulness and power ought to be doubled by the co-operation of the churches. Many churches are putting it into every family either by special offerings or by putting it into the budget along with the pastor's salary and other incidental expenses. In this way it costs only \$1.50.

We urge that all churches realize the importance of the Baptist Record and that sometime during the year a Baptist Record Day be observed and a most earnest effort be made to put the paper into every home in the churches.

We also urge upon our pastors that it is just as necessary for them to have these publications, and especially the Baptist Record, as it is for our people to have them, and that they preach on the subject and give a large place to these agencies that are seeking to help every good cause fostered by our denomination.

W. S. ALLEN.

The report on Conditions of the Churches was read by A. L. O'Briant and after being discussed by delegates from almost every church in the Association was adopted.

Survey of Churches in Lebanon Association

Figures represent facts not only in the Bible, but in the Lebanon Association. In looking over the work done, we find most encouraging reports from the churches. They are taking the Commission of Christ seriously, as individual members. This is shown in the salvation of the lost, and the development of the saved. The churches show 383 for Baptism, 443 by letter, 27 by statement. Making a total increase of 853 and that added to the total membership of last year gives 4,824. We have 3,715 in Sunday School, but should have and must have twice that number. We have 9 B. Y. P. U.'s and 14 W. M. U.'s in the Association.

We must increase our number of subscriptions to our denominational paper. We have only 200 subscriptions in the entire Association, when there should be at least 1,000. We urge that all of our pastors take this matter to heart and have as their aim 1,000 subscriptions to the Baptist Record by next meeting of the Association.

Some of the reasons for taking the Baptist Record are: It makes Christians more intellectual and useful; makes them pay their pastor better; gives better Sunday School teachers, and better attendance at Sunday School and prayer meeting; leads to a better understanding of the scriptures; increases interest in the spread of the gospel; opposes error; is a great channel of communication between our people, giving the news of the churches; it throws light on obscure questions of practical interest; aids in the Bible study; cultivates a taste for reading, and creates an interest in winning the lost to Christ, which is the first and last duty of the church. Last, but not least, it keeps us posted in regard to our 75 Million Campaign—the who, what and why of it is, let us see that all our people take it.

A. L. O'BRIANT,

Fifth District Enlistment Missiary.

The report on the Progress of the 75 Million Campaign was read by W. S. Allen and after discussion by W. S. Allen, A. L. O'Briant, R. N. Davis and T. J. Walker and special prayer by M. P. L. Love it was adopted.

The Progress of the 75 Million Campaign

It is with profound gratitude to God that we again call attention to the glorious success of the 75 Million Campaign. Such a day was never seen among Southern Baptists as was witnessed during Victory Week of last year. Surely God was in the midst of His people. Surely now no one can be found to question God's leadership in it all. More and more we are convinced of this. God has spoken to His people in no uncertain way His approval in the wonderful revival spirit that has swept our churches this summer when many thousands have been won to Christ. Instead of 75 Million, Southern Baptists, with great enthusiasm, pledged more than 90 Million. In our own State, with a quota of \$3,500,000, nearly \$4,500,000 was pledged. And of this amount \$868,721.41 was paid in cash the first year of the Campaign. The quota for this Association was \$198,250. \$220,942.25 was pledged, and up to this hour, \$34,414.27 has been paid in cash. This lacks, however, \$9,774.18 of being one-fifth of the total amount pledged. Our task is unfinished. Our real task is yet ahead. It will be a sad day for us if we lag now and allow these pledges to go unpaid. Better for us that we had never heard God's call than that we should slip back into the old ruts and fail to meet pledges made in a great hour and solemnly made in answer to the unmistakable call of God. If we fail now we will imperil every good cause and the salvation of millions sitting in the shadow of death. The work will not be done until "The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ." Let us

gird ourselves for the task and with new zeal and fresh courage press the battle unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Recommendations

1. That our people be urged constantly to pay every pledge made.
2. That no opportunity be lost to secure every new pledge possible.
3. That our people be urged to observe the special days suggested by our leaders.

These special days are September 12 for emphasizing the establishment of family prayer in every Baptist home; October 24 for sounding the call for volunteers for special Christian service; the week of November 28 to December 5 for celebrating the anniversary of Victory Week of last year when Southern Baptists achieved their notable victory for their Lord.

"He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him!
Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on."

W. S. ALLEN.
JESSE BRUCE.

W. S. Allen read the report of the Committee on Nominations and after amendment it was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations

Place of meeting: Oral, 12 miles west of Hattiesburg on gravel road and near Clyde.

Time: Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1921, at 2 p.m.

Sermon: W. F. Yarborough, alternate J. N. Miller.

Executive Committee: W. F. Yarborough, J. M. Gibbs, M. J. Derrick, G. M. McWilliams, D. O. Herrod.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: J. M. Gibbs, alternate J. N. Miller.

Vice-President Home Board: W. F. Yarborough.

Vice-President Foreign Board: W. S. Allen.

Vice-President State Board: M. J. Derrick.

Member State Convention Board: M. P. L. Love.

W. S. ALLEN,
ORAL WRIGHT,
A. L. O'BRIANT,
JOHN L. DAVIS,
M. J. DERRICK.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by A. Polk and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolved, that the most heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered the members of Zion Hill Church and every member of the community who have so royally entertained this body, both in their homes and for the beautiful dinners served on the grounds.

Signed by the committee,

A. POLK, Chairman.

W. S. Allen read the Treasurer's report which was received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Received for Associational purposes	\$128.67
Received for Missions	80.00
Total	\$208.67

Expenditures

Mrs. E. N. Pack expenses of W. M. U.	\$ 6.50
Dr. J. B. Lawrence for Missions	80.00
Dever Printing Company for printing minutes	75.00
President J. L. Johnson for services as clerk	30.00
Total	\$191.50
Balance on hand	\$ 17.17

W. S. ALLEN.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to print the Minutes of the Ladies' Meeting.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$30 for his services and a suitable number of Minutes were ordered printed.

On motion the churches of the Association put themselves on record as endorsing the church-to-church campaign and W. S. Allen as County Organizer, and asked the Organizer to visit every church.

The business of the Association having been concluded the motion to adjourn was passed. The hand of Christian fellowship was given while the Association sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and W. L. Pack led the concluding prayer.

The Association meets next year on the Tuesday after the first Sunday in September at 2 p. m.

The place of meeting is the Oral Church, 12 miles west of Hattiesburg on the gravel road, and 2 miles from either Clyde or Eply, on the Mississippi Central Railway.

M. P. L. LOVE, Moderator.
J. L. JOHNSON, Clerk.

Minutes of the Women's Missionary Union

The 27th annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Lebanon Association was held with the Zion Hill Church, Tuesday, September 7, 1920, Mrs. E. N. Pack, superintendent, in chair. After singing "Jesus Shall Reign" prayer by the superintendent opened the meeting; the Union watchword was repeated in concert by all. Devotional led by Mrs. W. F. Yarborough, Hattiesburg, using for scripture reading John 17th chapter. After singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Mrs. A. L. O'Briant led in prayer. Young people's work was ably discussed by Mrs. J. L. Johnson, of the Woman's College. Roll call of societies by secretary resulted in twelve societies responding and Young People's Unions giving their aim for the year, which was enjoyed by all. Miss Lois Griffith of Mt. Olive, then gave a splendid talk on "Religious Life in the Training School." Brother M. J. Derrick led in prayer, after which the hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung. Just at this time Mrs. A. L. O'Briant, in behalf of the women of Lebanon Association, presented a W. M. U. pin to our superintendent, Mrs. Pack, in loving appreciation of her unselfish service for the work in Association. Mrs. A. J. Aven, our State President, in a few well-chosen and fitting words, pinned the token just over the heart of our superintendent. Brother Lightsey, representing religious papers, books, etc., was given time to speak on same. Brother M. P. L. Love announced the Associational sermon would be preached at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. N. McMillin, urging the ladies to be present in body. Morning session adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

At two o'clock, the afternoon session was called to order by Superintendent. Hymn, "I Gave My Life For Thee." Devotional by Mrs. J. N. Miller, Lumberton. Song, "More Like the Master." Prayer. Address, Mrs. A. J. Aven, Clinton, State W. M. U. President. Personal service was defined and presented by Mrs. W. F. Yarborough, State Personal Service leader. Mission Study by Mrs. A. L. O'Briant. Report of Woman's Work by superintendent. W. M. U. Policy presented by Mrs. James Champion, vice-president Fifth District.

Business session opened and following reports read and adopted, committee on Resolutions, Obituaries and Nominations, on account of late hour, a motion was made to suspend the remainder of program; the house unanimously overruled to remain and enjoy a beautiful consecration service conducted by Mrs. Johnson. Meeting then adjourned with prayer.

MRS. LUCIA MOORE McWILLIAMS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee, take pleasure in presenting the following resolutions. First, we thank the ladies of Zion Hill Church for their gracious hospitality. Second, That a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Pack and those associated with her for the splendid program of today's services. Third, We express our appreciation to Mrs. Aven, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Yarborough and Misses Griffith and Bennett for helpful and inspiring words. May God's blessing rest upon each one as we undertake greater things for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. L. O'BRIANT,
MRS. T. J. WALKER,
MRS. J. N. MILLER.

Report of Obituary Committee

We come with bowed heads and humble hearts, realizing our Heavenly Father ever watcheth over and careth for us, and dealeth only such things that will prove blessings to His children. Whereas, He, in His infinite goodness, has seen fit to remove from us our beloved member and co-worker, Mrs. J. H. Story, of the First Church, Hattiesburg. Therefore, be it resolved: First, That in the passing away of this sister, this Association has suffered great loss on earth, but has a new link in the chain that binds us to Heaven. Second, This Association feels and extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Associational Minutes and a copy be sent to the family of our sister.

MRS. M. J. DERRICK,
MRS. W. R. EVANS,
MRS. A. L. JONES.

Report of Nominating Committee

We beg to submit the following nominations:
Associational Superintendent, Mrs. E. N. Pack, Hattiesburg; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. N. McWilliams, Hattiesburg; Stewardship Leader, Mrs. B. M. Meyers, Sumrall; Personal Service Leader, Mrs. J. N. Miller, Lumberton; Young People's Leader, Mrs. J. C. Martin, Brooklyn; Mission Study Leader, Mrs. A. L. O'Briant, Hattiesburg.

MRS. T. B. WRIGHT,
MRS. A. F. LOFTIN,
MRS. J. C. MARTIN,
MRS. A. POLK.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

Churches	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Value of Pastor's Home.	Value of Church Property	Total Membership	Death.	Letter.	Expulsion.	Restoration.	Letter.	Baptisms
Big Level.....	L. I. Thompson.	Van Cleave.....	D. G. McQuagge.	Perkinson.....	400	87	87	2	3	8	2	1215	
Paxterville.....	J. M. Gibbs.	Purvis.....	A. O. Courtney.	Baxterville.....	2500	90	90	1	12	3	2	116	
Bond.....	J. H. Barnett.	Wiggins.....	J. R. Davis.	Wiggins.....	100	21	21	8	1	1	1	2	
Calvary.....	W. S. Allen.	Hattiesburg.....	W. E. Smith.	Purvis R. 1.....	1000	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Green's Creek.....	G. P. Harris.	Hattiesburg R. 5.	J. W. Chatham.	Hattiesburg R. 5.....	1500	69	69	1	1	1	1	1	
Good Hope.....	I. M. Gibbs.	Purvis.....	A. L. Saugier.	Purvis.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Hattiesburg 1st.....	W. F. Yaboroug.	Hattiesburg.....	B. H. Schwartz.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
" Main St.....	M. K. Thornton.	Hattiesburg.....	A. V. Hays.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
" 5th Ave.....	None.	Hattiesburg.....	T. B. Geiger.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
" Immanuel.....	W. S. Allen.	Hattiesburg.....	A. S. Woods.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Hickory Grove.....	A. A. Bryant.	Sanford.....	A. F. Dosssett.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Lucedale.....	A. R. Foff.n.	Lucedale.....	L. J. Jagger.	Hattiesburg R. 1.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Lumberton.....	J. N. Miller.	Lumberton.....	E. F. Roberts.	Lumberton.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
McLaurin.....	C. M. Grayson.	Magee.....	J. W. Estes.	McLaurin.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Macedonia.....	A. C. Parker.	Clint.n.	A. J. Merritt.	Hattiesburg R. 5.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Oral.....	M. J. Derrick.	Sumrall.....	C. B. Clinton.	Hattiesburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Piere's Creek.....	D. A. Hogan.	Hattiesburg.....	L. C. Single.	Piere's Creek.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Petal.....	R. G. Joiner.	Fastabutchie.....	J. C. Herrod.	Petal.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Purvis.....	W. B. Holcomb.	Purvis.....	Miss Yula Pylant.	Purvis.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Perkinson.....	W. B. Holcomb.	Purvis.....	T. P. Wyatt.	Perkinson.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Red Creek-L'nion.....	L. I. Thompson.	Van Cleave.....	E. E. Flurry.	Red Creek-L'nion.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Richburg.....	I. S. Intekin.	Purvis.....	B. Barnes.	Richburg.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Red Hill.....	C. M. Grayson.	Magee.....	J. F. Pearce.	Red Hill.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Sumrall.....	M. J. Derrick.	Sumrall.....	A. T. Schwartz.	Sumrall.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Wiggins.....	J. E. Barnett.	Wiggins.....	E. R. Jenkins.	Wiggins.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Zion Hill.....	J. M. Gibbs.	Purvis.....	R. F. Blakeny.	Zion Hill.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Brooklyn.....	J. N. McMillin.	Hattiesburg.....	I. C. Martin.	Brooklyn.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Fastabutchie.....	R. G. Joiner.	Fastabutchie.....	Miss Theola Davis.	Fastabutchie.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	
Helena.....	J. M. Gibbs.	Purvis.....	W. A. Robinson.	Helena.....	1500	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	

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STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Pastor's Salary.....	Building and Repairs.....	Incidentals.....	Visiting Ministers, and Pastor's Asst., e	Sunday School Expenses.....	The Poor.....	75 Million Budget.....	Minutes and Association Work.....	Clerk and Other Objects.....
Big Level.....	166.35		25.00	41.35	31.88		146.85	3.00	223.00
Baxterville.....	240.00			11.35	97.34	10.28	521.50	1.50	
Bond.....	240.00		35.40	128.87	9.50		378.00	2.00	
Brooklyn.....	100.00		2.40	40.60	29.45		55.00		
Calvary.....	60.00	129.25	176.10	67.00		15.00	38.70	5.00	
Eastbutchie.....	150.00	18.00		9.28			25.00	4.01	
Green's Creek...	29.85		12.32	35.00	27.50		20.00	2.50	
Good Hope.....	165.50	302.00	19.95	980.00	454.80	895.20	11424.26	20.00	
Helena.....	2585.81	275.00	1814.46	512.50	368.75	392.34	11639.91	10.00	
Hattiesburg 1st..	1768.00	322.00	1647.40	52.00	122.00		405.00	2.50	
" Main St.....	1350.00	71.75	22.00	190.00	202.75	35.00	2285.35	10.50	152.71
" 5th Ave.....	833.40	903.41	68.92	89.38	40.00			5.00	
" Immanuel...	143.00	4.25		50.00				2.00	
Hickory Grove...	123.35		56.24	397.18	129.48	25.00	494.25	4.00	15.00
Lucedale.....	780.00	337.00	418.20	165.00	150.00		1039.15		
Lumberton.....	800.00		5.00	28.75	10.00		800.00	3.75	
McLaurin.....	47.50		9.00	150.00	61.36	70.00	163.50	1.50	
Macdonia.....	200.00		20.00	459.11	162.00		844.40		
Oral.....	60.00		265.00	73.00	8.00	75.60	252.85		
Pierre's Creek...	217.00	277.00		27.25	15.00		133.50		
Petal.....	787.00		93.20	29.00			1714.94	4.00	
Purvis.....	187.50		2.50	107.28	13.00		1456.87	5.50	
Perkinston.....	175.00		201.75	128.00	200.62		272.00	10.00	
Red Creek Union.	120.00		22.50	137.70					
Richburg.....	200.00								
Red Hill.....	1000.00								
Sumrall.....	108.80								
Wetters.....	477.13								
Zion Hill.....	240.00								

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

B. Y. P. U.

CHURCHES	Superintendents	Secretaries	Postoffice	Pupils			Expenses	Presidents	Postoffice
				Baptisms	Officers-Teachers				
Big Level.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baxterville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bond.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	J. C. Martin.....	Miss M. Anderson.....	Brooklyn.....	140	20	10	31.38	.....	.....
Calvary.....	W. P. Coursey.....	Octavia Smith.....	Hattiesburg R.....	77	8	8	93.34	.....	.....
Eastabutchie.....	E. B. Lokey.....	Theola Davis.....	Eastabutchie.....	35	7	7	29.45	.....	.....
Green's Creek.....	J. W. Camp.....	John Smith.....	Hattiesburg R. 5.....	53	8	7	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	J. T. Purvis.....	Ruth Freeman.....	Purvis.....	104	20	6	.....	.....	.....
Hattiesburg 1st.....	E. G. Hightower.....	Lillian Yarborough.....	Hattiesburg.....	661	18	56	454.30	Emma Simmons.....	Carnes.....
" Main St.....	M. P. L. Lowe.....	G. P. Smith.....	Hattiesburg.....	466	8	34	368.75	F. D. Montague.....	Hattiesburg.....
" 5th Ave.....	T. B. Geiger.....	R. Evans.....	Hattiesburg.....	154	11	12	122.00	Venetia Ethridge.....	Hattiesburg.....
" Immanuel.....	W. M. Jones.....	Rachel Johnson.....	Hattiesburg R.....	350	15	30	202.75	(Note).....	Hattiesburg.....
Hickory Grove.....	W. N. Richards.....	B. McCullough.....	Lucedale.....	108	8	40	00	L. J. Jagger.....	Lucedale.....
Lucedale.....	W. J. Hearst.....	D. J. Freeman.....	Hattiesburg R.....	148	13	17	129.48	B. C. Lee.....	Lumberton.....
Lumberton.....	R. B. Barnes.....	W. M. Chandler.....	McLaurin.....	174	2	14	150.00	.....	.....
McLaurin.....	L. M. Lee.....	Flora Merritt.....	Hattiesburg R.....	40	7	6	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	J. W. Estes.....	Mrs. P. Rogers.....	Epley.....	77	8	.....	10.00	.....	.....
Oral.....	A. J. Merritt.....	Louisa Bates.....	Petal.....	80	11	61	36	T. P. Henders.....	Petal.....
Pierre's Creek.....	A. C. Hammack.....	Luke Pylant.....	Purvis.....	120	15	9	162.00	.....	.....
Purvis.....	J. O. McRaney.....	F. H. Walker.....	Perkinston.....	21	6	8	00	F. A. Walker.....	Perkinston.....
Red Creek-Union.....	T. W. Davis.....	Brady Barnes.....	Hattiesburg R.....	42	6	15	00	.....	.....
Red Hill.....	Ira Flurry.....	A. T. Schwartz.....	Sumrall.....	140	13	107	28	.....	.....
Sumrall.....	M. J. Derrick.....	Mrs. V. Stewart.....	Wiggins.....	175	9	12	700.62	L. L. Coleman.....	Wiggins.....
Wiggins.....	L. A. Varnado.....	Mrs. E. H. Porter.....	Hattiesburg R.....	66	6	60	00	.....	.....
Zion Hill.....	N. J. Polk.....

(Note)—Immanuel Church has five B. Y. P. U.'s and five presidents.

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REPORT OF WOMEN'S WORK

Churches	Amount Given 75 Million Campaign	Money Given Home Uses	Miscellaneous Contributions	Hospital Bares	Frontier Box	Literature Fund	Contributions Per- sonal Service	Mission Study Classes	Number Holding Certificates	Number Tithers
Hattiesburg, First	\$2,312.13	\$1,038.78				\$2.50	\$722.28	5	30	36
" " Fifth Ave	51.00	32.35								
" " Immanuel	351.47	243.14			1		185.00	3		7
" " Main St.	2,037.54	708.13			1		550.74	4		
Lucedale	14	65.00			1		17.45			10
Lumberton	25	250.00	\$4.25		1		34.00	1		4
Wiggins	29	501.95			1		139.20			
Purvis		174.53			1		148.00			
Sumrall	40	490.45			1					
Zion Hill	17	57.00								
Brooklyn	13									
Green Creek										
Petal										
Macedonia		98.20								
McLaurin										
TOTAL	\$6,338.47	\$2,679.76	\$4.25	3	4	\$2.50	\$1,796.67	14		57
Total Contributions in 1919 5,493.71 Total Contributions in 1920 \$9,018.23 Increase \$3,493.71										

Subscriptions to Royal Service: Hattiesburg First, 81; Lumberton, 10; Sumrall, 4; Brooklyn 5.

Subscriptions to Baptist Home and Record: Hattiesburg First, 9; Lumberton, 4; Wiggins, 6; Brooklyn 6.

Subscriptions to Foreign Field: Hattiesburg First, 12; Lumberton, 1.

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